

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 4314**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 23, 1968.

The committee on Election Laws, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3111) of Paul W. Cronin, John A. S. McGlennon, Martin A. Linsky, John F. St. Cyr and Harry A. S. Read for legislation to authorize the use of absentee ballots in municipal elections, report the accompanying bill (House, No. 4314).

For the committee,

PAUL W. CRONIN.

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Eight.

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### AN ACT FURTHER EXTENDING THE PRIVILEGE OF ABSENTEE VOTING.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 86 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as  
2 appearing in chapter 101 of the acts of 1954, is hereby amended  
3 by inserting after the word "of", in line 2, the following:— a  
4 special state election or.

1 SECTION 2. Section 103A of said chapter 54, as most recently  
2 amended by section 2 of chapter 477 of the acts of 1948, is hereby  
3 further amended by striking out the first paragraph and in-  
4 serting the following paragraph:— Sections eighty-six to one hun-  
5 dred and three, inclusive, of this chapter and sections twenty-  
6 one and twenty-seven of chapter fifty-six shall, so far as  
7 applicable, apply to special and regular city elections, and to  
8 special and regular town elections in any town. All the rights,  
9 powers, duties and obligations conferred and imposed upon the  
10 state secretary by said sections shall, with respect to said city  
11 and town elections, be exercised and performed by the clerk of  
12 such city or town, and, in construing said sections for the pur-  
13 poses of this section, any reference to state elections shall be  
14 considered as referring to said city or town elections in such city  
15 or town.